

Prehistoric Native Americans hunted bison by driving them over the cliffs. Theirs was a spectacular – some say highly sophisticated – practice, one that captures the mind and imagination of historian and tourist alike.

Please be careful of the natural hazards in the park such as rock cliffs, rattlesnakes and cactus. Stay on established trails for your safety, and please keep pets on a leash.

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Mileage Chart

Ulm Pishkun Visitor Center to:

Top of the Jump	1.5
Ulm, MT	3.5
Great Falls, MT	13.5
Giant Springs State Park	20
Lewis & Clark Center	19.5
Helena, MT	82



Ulm Pishkun Interpretive Trail



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2006 Interpretive Program Schedule



Cliff face at Ulm Pishkun Buffalo Jump



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Welcome to Ulm Pishkun Buffalo Jump State Park

A place where all Montana's Indian tribes and other cultural, historical and study groups can share their traditions and interpret Ulm Pishkun's Buffalo Jump history and importance in their own words.

The Interpretive Hall, located at the west end of the lobby, recounts one of the park's oldest stories. Enter a "Dog Days" village and the world of the buffalo, monarch of the Northern Plains from the last Ice Age until just a century ago.

The Storytelling Circle, located next to the Interpretive Hall, this exhibit pays a special tribute to Montana's Tribes.

The Gift Store, located at the southwest corner of the lobby, tells a thousand stories. There are books, Native arts and crafts, and information on a great diversity of subjects for adults and children.

The Archaeology/History Exhibit, located in the classroom just off the foyer, provides area history as well as Ulm Pishkun Buffalo Jump Archaeology information and methods for "fitting together pieces of the past".

The "Culture to Culture" Exhibit, located in the classroom just off the Foyer, looks at how the material culture of the Plains People, such as tools, weapons and clothing, changed after Euro-American fur traders brought trade goods to the Great Plains.

The Trail of Perceptions, beginning from the patio, helps you imagine how different groups would view the challenges and opportunities of the area based on how, why, and when they arrived.

The Cliffs of Ulm Pishkun, accessed by trail or road, have been a powerful gathering place for 1500 years or more. These cliffs are one of the largest buffalo jumps in the world, and are where ancient peoples hunted buffalo before the time of horses.

Top of the Jump, offers the sights and sounds of an active Black-tailed Prairie Dog colony & Burrowing Owls. Also view tipi rings, drivelines & homestead sites.

2006 Schedule

May 1 to September 30 – 8 AM to 6 PM seven days a week. October 1 to May 1 – Wednesday to Saturday 10 AM to 4 PM, Sunday 12 PM to 4 PM,
closed Monday & Tuesday.

Saturday June 3 – National Trail Days Hike
As a part of National Trail Days, Ulm Pishkun Buffalo Jump State Park will be the sight of a morning hike. Join park staff for a hike around the buffalo jump from 9:30 AM to 12 PM.

Thursday June 29 – Evening Talk – Buffalo Bone Mining
Come out for an evening presentation at Ulm Pishkun Buffalo Jump State Park and learn about the buffalo bone mining that took place here during the last years of World War II. The presentation will be from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Friday July 7 – Sunday July 9 – 18th Annual Montana Atlatl Mammoth Hunt Come try your hand at Mammoth Hunting! This 18th Annual event will feature atlatl, primitive bow, and tomahawk throwing competitions. Stationary and moving targets will test the skills of experts and novices alike. Set-up is on Friday, competition on Saturday and Sunday from 10 AM to 5 PM.

Thursday July 27 – Evening Talk – How the Plateau & Bluffs Were Formed
Come out for an evening presentation at Ulm Pishkun Buffalo Jump State Park and learn about how the plateau and bluffs that form the buffalo jump were formed. The presentation will be from 7 PM to 8 PM.

July – August Weekends – Buffalo Jump Talks
Public talks twice daily on Saturdays and Sundays from July 15 to August 27, at 11 AM and 2 PM. Guides will describe buffalo jump operations and history. With weather permitting, guides may accompany groups to the top of the jump.

Thursday July 24 – Evening Talk – History of the Pishkun
Come out for an evening presentation at Ulm Pishkun Buffalo Jump State Park and learn about the history of the Pishkun, from its earliest known uses to the present. Artifacts and photographs will be on display. The presentation will be from 7 PM to 8 PM.

September – Ulm Pishkun Culture Days
Join us at Ulm Pishkun Buffalo Jump in September for Culture Days! Twice weekly throughout the month there will be afternoon presentations in the "First Nations of Montana Education Series". They will take place on Wednesdays 3 PM to 5 PM and Sundays 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

In addition to the Education Series, schools will have multiple opportunities to send field trips to Ulm Pishkun. The last two Tuesdays and every Friday throughout the month will be set aside for students to learn more about the buffalo jump and Northern Plains Indian culture. Schools and teachers will receive detailed information several weeks before the first opportunity to visit.

September 16-17 will be the 6th Annual Ulm Pishkun Atlatl Event. Come have some fun with an ancient spear throwing/hunting device. This 8,000 year-old weapon was the prehistoric person's primary means of obtaining fresh game. Learn about the weapon and its history as well as how to throw it. Stationary targets will be set up for competition in Novice and Expert categories.